

THE WEATHER

Washington, Nov. 16.—Partly cloudy today and tomorrow; not much change in temperature.

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STATE'S HEROES TO DEBARK HERE ON THEIR RETURN

That They Will Come Up Delaware Is Virtually Assured

BAKER APPROVES PLAN

Senator Penrose and Congressmen Give Support and Propose Ovation to Boys

It is virtually assured that Pennsylvania's soldiers will be brought up the Delaware River direct to Philadelphia when they come home in triumph from the battlefields of Europe.

General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army, announced today that all ports from Boston, Mass., to Charleston, S. C., are being prepared for the reception of returning troops.

General March and Secretary of War Baker put their stamp of approval on the plan to have returning troops land at ports nearest their home districts.

Members of the Philadelphia delegation in Congress also expressed themselves as in favor of the plan.

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U. S. SHOULD FEED GERMANY, OPINION OF LEADERS HERE

While Declaring It Would Be Christian Charity in the Way of a Humanitarian Act, Some Believe Whole Matter Is One for Washington to Decide

Germany wants food: Are we to supply it? The thought that as a matter of Christian charity this country should give the German people whatever aid they need was expressed strongly by Bishop Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Alexander Simpson, Jr., now Supreme Court Justice, endorsed this view.

Bishop Berry—"I feel that Germany should address her appeal for food to the Allies generally as well as to the United States. I do not like that appearance of an appeal to us and an apparent ignoring of the other powers. However, I favor most heartily feeding the people of Germany if they need it. I think the peril of radicalism will be enhanced in Germany if the people are hungry."

Governor-elect Spruill—"I think we may well leave the whole question to the authorities at Washington, who are acquainted with the various aspects of the situation. I do not feel that we are not agreed on the matter."

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FRENCH MISSION HERE ON WAY TO HONOR CARDINAL

Bishop of Arras at Head of Delegation to Attend Golden Jubilee

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In the party are French ecclesiastics of distinction, including Mgr. Julien, Bishop of Arras, whose diocese is severely at the hands of the German invaders; Mgr. Baudrillart, rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris and member of the French Academy, and Father Gilmont.

After visits to churches and institutions in this city tomorrow, the visitors will be entertained at luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. James F. Stallard at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

At 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the French ecclesiastics will be given an informal reception at the Acorn Club by the French Club, and the French Alliance Francaise and the French colony.

DEMANDS QUEEN'S ABDICATION

Socialist in Dutch Parliament Urges General Strike

The Hague, Nov. 15.—(Delayed.)—The socialist chamber of the Dutch Parliament engaged in a bitter debate today. Addresses were made denouncing the demands made by Pieter J. Troelstra, the Premier, for further details as to the average for this period.

CAPE MAY GOES "DRY" TODAY

Ban on Liquor Sales Effective at Four o'clock This Afternoon

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger.—Cape May, Nov. 15.—Cape May goes dry at 4 o'clock this afternoon. This city, as well as Wildwood, is in the dry zone established by the national law. Seven saloons will close here and almost a dozen in Wildwood.

DROUGHT THREATENS WHEAT

Only .01 Inch of Rain Here Since November 1

Aside from the dry spell of another week, the drought which has recently, this city is undergoing a real dry spell, the rainfall being far below the normal amount.

REVENUE BILL TO BE CUT

Committee Approves McAdoo's Suggestion to Reduce It

Washington, Nov. 16.—Secretary McAdoo's recommendation for downward revision of the revenue bill to about \$6,000,000,000 was formally adopted today by the Senate Finance Committee.

BURNED TO DEATH IN METAL

Furnace Workman Turned to Cinder and Two Badly Scorched

Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 16.—Frank Keebler, thirty-six years old, was burned to death, and Vincent Simon and Alex Senekowicz, fatally injured, today at the Saxon furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Company, when a ladle filled with molten metal spilled over them.

SWEDEN'S REFORM PROGRAM

Government to Grant Equal Suffrage and Enlarge Riksdag Power

Stockholm, Nov. 16.—The Swedish Government has decided to carry out without delay the program of reforms which the franchise to both sexes, equal terms and placing control of the foreign policy as well as declarations

QUISTCONCK SETS RECORD IN SPEED; READY TO DELIVER

First Hog Island Ship Makes 12.34 Knots, With 11.5 Required

TO CROSS OCEAN SOON

Vessel Will Be Turned Over to U. S. Government in Day or Two

A complete success, the Quistconck, first ship launched at Hog Island and sponsored by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, is to be turned over to the United States Shipping Board in a few days.

In the near future, Hog Island's "first baby" will be on its way to Europe, laden with supplies for the American army.

On its trial trip the Quistconck behaved even better than expected. The mark set for 11.5 knots an hour, but the big vessel kicked up its heels and made 12.34 knots an hour, establishing a record for ships of its type and size.

Commanded by Captain L. H. Porter, marine superintendent at Hog Island, the Quistconck slipped from a Hog Island berth for a measured course in the Delaware Bay. The yacht Francis II, carrying high officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, accompanied the big cargo carrier.

Personnel of Party In the official party were Matthew C. Brush, vice president of the American International; F. W. Wood, another vice president; James Andrews, general manager of hull construction at Hog Island; H. C. Higgins, authorized representative of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and his assistants, Mr. Tull, E. S. Rice, Edward Seaver, Jr., and W. Brown.

On its trial trip the Quistconck, of 7500 tons deadweight capacity, developed record speed and ninety-three propeller revolutions per minute. All the machinery was in good working order.

Captain Porter, the Quistconck's commander on its trial voyage to Europe, said the vessel will be turned over to the Navy Department "in a day or two."

The trial trip was a complete success, he said. "After the Quistconck is turned over to the navy by the United States Shipping Board it will be commanded by a navy officer and manned by a navy crew."

No ship in history ever had a more impressive "send-off" than the Quistconck. When the vessel was launched at Hog Island, the keel was laid February 12.

President Wilson was there to see Mrs. Wilson snub a bottle over the ship's bow and one hundred thousand people were packed in an almost solid mass near the launching way.

Mr. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, who sails for Europe today, was present at the ceremony as was Charles M. Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Many high officials of the nation, State and city witnessed the launching.

HOOPER DECRIES GERMANY'S WAIL

Declares U. S. Need Not Save One Mouthful of Food for Teutons

NO WORRY ABOUT THEM

Americans Need Not Worry Over German Food Appeal

New York, Nov. 16.—Before sailing for Europe today, Food Controller Hoover said Americans should not deprive themselves of a mouthful of food to feed Germany, despite the fact that her people were reported in great need as revealed by Berlin's message to Secretary of State Lansing to send Hoover to relieve the situation.

OFFERS LAND FOR SOLDIERS

Southern States Would Have Them Take Homestead Claims

New Orleans, Nov. 16.—More than 8,000,000 acres of land in the six southern States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Tennessee have been tendered to the Government to provide homes for soldiers and sailors. It was announced here today by I. G. Sinclair, director of the United States Reclamation Service.

CROWN PRINCE INTERNED

Fugitive Held at Friend's Castle at Limburg, Holland

London, Nov. 16.—Former Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Germany has been interned at the castle owned by the late Emperor's friend, Count Metternich, at Swalmen, a town in the province of Limburg, Holland, says an American dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

RAID IN READING NETS 110

State Police and War Department Operatives Begin Clean-up

Reading, Pa., Nov. 16.—State police, under Captain Wilson C. Price, of Troop 1 at Pottsville, and thirty operatives of the law enforcement bureau of the War Department, last night and early today raided nearly two-score disreputable houses in this city.

One hundred and ten arrests were made. All were committed to the

ORDERS ISSUED TO DEMOBILIZE TROOPS IN U. S.

Soldiers in America to Be Mustered Out Gradually, March Announced

TO CLEAR OUT CAMPS

Pershing Instructed to Begin Return of Sick and Wounded at Once

By the Associated Press Washington, Nov. 16.—Orders have been issued, General March announced today, for the gradual demobilization of all troops now in this country. Demobilization will be in the following order:

First, development battalions, seventy-one in number and comprising 98,100 men.

Second, conscientious objectors not under arrest.

Third, Spruce production division.

Fourth, central training schools for officers with some modifications.

Fifth, United States Guards, now numbering 125,000 men.

Sixth, Railway troops.

Seventh, hospital brigades.

Eighth, replacement units.

Ninth, combat divisions.

There are now in the United States 1,200,000 men under arms, General March said. Orders which will result in the immediate demobilization of 200,000 men are already issued, and these men will be at their homes in the next two weeks.

WAR DEPARTMENT AGAIN UNDER FIRE

AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Senate Military Committee American Divisions Soon to Start March Through German Soil

Verdict of the Vote TAKE FULL EQUIPMENT

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of Evening Public Ledger Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—(Delayed.)—The Senate Military Affairs Committee is likely soon to resume its investigation of the War Department. Before the election evidence had accumulated before the committee which went to show that the War Department had failed in the production of ordnance. It was felt by some members of the committee that this evidence justified a resumption of investigation. But the political campaign was on, and in all its work the committee has tried to keep clear of the charge of playing politics.

The big trophies of last winter, which forced the organization of the War Department and the granting of power to the war industries board, were made possible through the cooperation of Congress as a result of the Democratic majority with the Republican minority of the committee. The same cooperation will lead to a resumption of the investigation before the Republicans become a majority in the Senate on the 4th of March.

The reasons which will control in the case of this investigation will be the same as those which brought about cooperation in last winter's investigations into military affairs. When those inquiries were made, Congress felt that it was being excluded from the conduct of affairs and a nonpartisan effort was made to restore as far as possible the influence of Congress in the demobilization of the Government. The effort failed, largely because Mr. Wilson met criticisms by reorganizing the conduct of the war and because the demobilization of a high inter-Allied code must center in the hands of the Executive.

LILLE INQUIRY ORDERED

German Officers Accused of Crime During Occupation to Face Trial

Paris, Nov. 16.—Edouard Ignace, Under-Secretary of State for Military Justice, has ordered a judicial inquiry at Lille against German officers accused of crimes during enemy occupation of that city. This action conforms to the decision recently made by the French Cabinet.

RISING AGAINST GERMANS

Mulhausen Mayor Asks French Regiment to Restore Order

By the Associated Press Paris, Nov. 16.—A German airplane arrived yesterday at the French line carrying an ultimatum from the Mayor of Mulhausen asking that a French regiment be sent there to maintain order.

LUDWIG SAFE IN SWITZERLAND

Flees From Bavaria to Protection of Teuton Consulate

By the Associated Press Paris, Nov. 16.—King Ludwig III, of Bavaria, arrived at Brest, a town on the Swiss bank of Lake Constance, on Friday. He was accompanied by three from Lindau, a town across the lake, in Bavaria, and according to a Zurich dispatch to the Post Bureau.

"PENNSY" TRAIN WRECKED

Westbound Limited Ran Into Freight Debris Near Bolivar

By the Associated Press Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 16.—Pennsylvania Limited train No. 5, westbound and running late, was wrecked near Bolivar last night when it plowed into the debris of an eastbound freight train, which had been scattered over the tracks by the breaking of an axle. It is reported here by the engineer of the fast train over an embankment and that four cars left the rails.

A baggage man was killed and the crew of the express engine injured. The express train was pulled back to connection with the Conemaugh division and

BERLIN DESIRES TO SEND ENVOYS HERE AT ONCE

Solf Seeks Permission to Purchase Foodstuffs in This Country

EBERT HOLDS OUT HOPE

Six or Eight Weeks, He Says, Will Decide the Future of New Germany

Naval Delegates Discuss German Fleet Surrender

By the Associated Press London, Nov. 16.—Preliminary discussions concerning the handing over of the German fleet were held last night at Rosyth, on the Firth of Forth, Scotland, between Admiral Sir David Beatty and delegates from the German Soldiers and Sailors' Council and the German Vice-Admiral Meurer.

The preliminaries so far have been carried out without a hitch and it is not expected the Germans will quibble over details. The discussions probably may end at today's meeting of the delegation.

Foreign Secretary Solf has sent a message to Secretary of State Lansing

urgently requesting President Wilson to give permission for a German commission to immediately leave Germany for the United States so as to personally lay before the American Government the conditions existing here and to assure the taking of steps to purchase foodstuffs.

Secretary Lansing yesterday sent a message to the Berlin Government requesting that hereafter all communications pertaining to Germany and Germany's affairs should be addressed to the Allied Governments.

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 16.—If the new German government can carry on its work for six or eight weeks, the future of new Germany is assured, declared Friedrich Ebert, the Chancellor in a speech in Berlin on Thursday.

"We can carry on our work for six or eight weeks," Ebert said, "if the future is assured and we also can hope to obtain conditions of peace relatively favorable, but if our adversaries do not establish that anarchy reigns among us they will make a condition that will annihilate Germany's political life."

A dispatch from Basel, Switzerland, says that Prince Maximilian of Baden, former German Chancellor, has arrived at Baden-Baden with his family. It is said that he will make a long stay there.

Freed U. S. Captives Pour Across American Lines

With the American Armies in France, Nov. 16.—Hundreds of American prisoners, released by the Germans, are pouring across our lines.

Many walked twenty-four hours in freezing weather, with little food. They said the Germans evacuated and left them to their own resources. The arrivals include troops from Texas, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, California and Washington. None of the men had overcoats and they wore a motley collection of clothing. Some who wore German uniforms had been working at sawmills and on farms.

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

By EDWIN L. JAMES Staff Correspondent of Evening Public Ledger Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—The Americans are busy preparing for an advance toward Germany which is soon to start. American divisions will follow the withdrawing German armies to the French border, and then, proceeding on to German soil, will occupy the assigned zone along the Rhine.

In orders which have been issued our zone is assigned and units are selected to form the American army of occupation, but it is not yet permitted to give these details.

When the Americans move forward they will be in full military array, with equipment for all branches, including war planes. The divisions selected have been chosen with due regard for their military achievements since reaching France.

No one of importance hazards a guess as to how long the Allied armies of occupation will remain on German soil. While thirty days has been set tentatively as the time of duration of the armistice, that may be extended.

It is not yet settled whether the occupation will end with the signing of the peace compact, for it will be remembered that evacuation did not take place immediately in France in 1871, when the German army of occupation remained in France until France had paid all of the indemnity.

French civilians and German deserters entering our line say that the Germans are withdrawing from the front of the American First Army beyond Montmedy, leaving war rearguards behind. Our observers report numbers of explosions and fires, as if the Germans were retreating.

REVOLT HASTENING PEACE CONFERENCE

By the Associated Press Washington, Nov. 16.—Developments in Europe, not only in a military way but in the field of international politics and the tendency of the revolutionary spirit manifested by the demoralized civilian population of the Central Empires to spread to neighboring States, have influenced the Allied and American Governments to arrange for the meeting of the peace congress at an early date.

There has been a disposition to delay the peace conference until the political situation in Europe had cleared up, but it is generally understood that other considerations finally led to a decision by the Associated Governments to proceed to assemble for the meeting of the peace congress at Versailles, which seems most likely to be selected as the place of the meeting.

One reason suggested for the change of decision is the necessity of arranging to afford employment to labor and thereby to relieve the threat of Bolshevism and anarchy. Another is the general desire now expressed by all of the Allied Governments to relieve the civilian population of the Central Empires from the danger of famine.

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